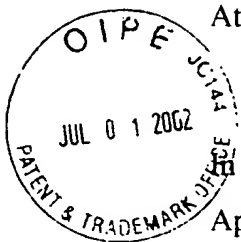


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, a two-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

In the abstract

Please amend the abstract as set forth in the attached Clean Version of the Replacement Abstract for Entry during Prosecution of US Application No. 09/594,972, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 27-42 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

REMARKS

Withdrawn claims 27-42 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. Claims 15-26 are pending in the application. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

The Examiner's objection to the abstract is noted. The abstract has been amended accordingly. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.